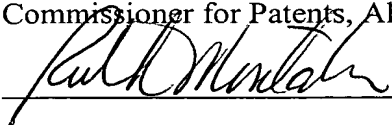


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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 22, 2003, please amend the application as follows.